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Applicant: Bacher et al.

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FOR: DETECTION OF MICROSATELLITE INSTABILITY AND ITS USE IN
DIAGNOSIS OF TUMORS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, reconsideration on the merits, and allowance of the claims.

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AMENDMENT

Please replace claims 11-13 with the following claims:

11. (Once amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising correlating the microsatellite instability results with the prognosis.

12. (Once amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising correlating the microsatellite instability results with familial tumor predisposition.

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